GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1
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TRANSFER OF POWERS TO PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS BY UNION TERRITORY OF CHANDIGARH
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Territory of Chandigarh Administration has yet not transferred the constitutionally stipulated functions to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the Union Territory;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which such functions are likely to be transferred.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) As per available information, the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh have not yet transferred functions to Panchayati Raj Institutions in respect of 29 subjects listed in the Schedule-XI of the Constitution.

(b)&(c) Panchayati Raj being a State subject,the Union Territory Administration are required to endow the Panchayats with such powers as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government. The Central Government have been persuading the States/Union Territories including the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh, through high level Meetings, as also through correspondence with the Chief Minister and State Ministers incharge of Panchayati Raj to devolve powers to Panchayats.